



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7258

LCO No. 4924



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM
GRADUATION DATE AND THE DATE FOR THE FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL SESSIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the
4 contrary,] a local or regional board of education may establish for any
5 school year a firm graduation date for students in grade twelve [which
6 is no earlier than the one hundred eighty-fifth day noted in the school
7 calendar originally adopted by the board for that school year, except
8 that a board on or after April first in any school year may establish
9 such a firm graduation date] for that school year which at the time of
10 such establishment provides for at least one hundred eighty days of
11 school.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-66q of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

14 1, 2019):

15 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, [2017] 2019, and each
16 school year thereafter, a local or regional board of education may (1)
17 adopt the uniform regional school calendar developed and approved
18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and (2) commence regular
19 school sessions for the school year on any day after the first Monday in
20 September.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-16l
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-66q(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit boards of education to establish and maintain a firm graduation date and to begin school sessions after the Labor Day holiday.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]